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EYE OPENERS

Owner's Nose Just Smelled Like Tuna

A 3-year-old cat credited with saving lives by tapping its owner's nose with a paw to alert her of a gas leak was awarded the Purple Paw by the Great Falls, Mont., Animal Foundation Saturday. Trudy Guy says Schnauztzie was just 6 months old in 2007 when she woke up Guy. A gas pipe outside the bathroom had broken above the shut-off valve. Firefighters told her the house could have blown up due to the gas levels. (AP)

"The object ... is not the most fitting way in which to greet the pope."

— JOHN SCHEMBRI, MAYOR OF LUQA, MALTA. HE WANTS A WORK OF PUBLIC ART THAT HE CONSIDERS PHALLIC TO BE REMOVED BEFORE THE POPE'S VISIT THIS WEEKEND.

Girl Reaches Creative Peak In Her Teens



An Iowa teen made her prom dress — and her date's vest — out of gum wrappers. Elizabeth Rasmuson of Garner used blue and white wrappers from Wrigley's "5 gum." She says she got the idea after hearing about someone making a dress out of duct tape. She and her boyfriend began collecting gum wrappers last August; they quit counting after 200. Since the wrappers break easily, Rasmuson finished her dress with a vinyl top coat. (AP)

The Big Picture



TOURISTS AND LOCALS joyfully kicked off the three-day Songkran festival that marks the start of the new year on Tuesday in Bangkok, Thailand. During the celebration, it's traditional to wander the streets throwing water — or shooting it from water guns, or from a garden hose — and drench anyone in sight. (EXPRESS)

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In Brief



Nadia Bloom, 11, is carried by rescuers after being found in Winter Springs, Fla.

WINTER SPRINGS, FLA.

Girl Is Found Alive After Going Missing in Swamp

A missing 11-year-old girl with Asperger syndrome was found alive Tuesday, four days after she disappeared into an alligator-infested swamp near her home. Nadia Bloom was taken to a hospital, where she will be evaluated and treated for dehydration and insect bites, Winter Springs Police Chief Kevin Brunelle said. "If I never believed in miracles, I sure do now," Brunelle said. (AP)

CHARLESTON, W.VA.

Bodies of Miners Found

The bodies of all 29 coal miners killed in an explosion last week in West Virginia have been recovered from the mine, a spokeswoman for the state mine office said Tuesday. The recovery of the remaining bodies paves the way for federal investigators to enter the mine as they try to determine what caused the worst U.S. coal mining disaster since 1970. (AP)

Summit Deal: Lock Down Nukes

World leaders pledge to secure all nuclear materials by 2014

Washington

President Obama announced Tuesday that nations participating in a summit conference have agreed to secure all loose nuclear materials in four years as part of a broad effort to guard against the terrifying prospect of nuclear terrorism.

"We have seized this opportunity, and because of the steps we've taken ... the American people will be safer and the world will be more secure," Obama said at the end of the Nuclear Security Summit.

All of the 47 participating nations agreed in the final communique on "the urgency and seriousness of the threat," Obama said. "Today we are declaring that nuclear terrorism is one of the most challenging threats to international security."

The final communique began circulating even as Russian President Dmitry Medvedev announced



Participants in the nuclear summit observe a moment of silence for Polish President Lech Kaczynski, who died in a plane crash.

that his government would shut down its last plutonium factory, a significant milestone in the world's efforts to limit the spread of material.

The communique spells out 12 obligations of the nations in attendance, including a promise by each of the signatories to maintain effective security of the nuclear material in their countries.

And it commits the nations to a specific work plan, also adopted Tuesday, that spells out best practices, encourages the participants to join international efforts to restrict the exchange of nuclear material, and directs nations to make new investments in nuclear security measures.

A statement released by the United States at the conclusion of

the summit says the summit has helped move the world toward the ultimate goal Obama offered in Prague a year ago: a world without nuclear weapons.

"Our objective is clear: ensure that terrorists never gain access to plutonium or highly-enriched uranium — the essential ingredients of a nuclear weapon," the statement said. (THE WASHINGTON POST)



TECHNOLOGY

Twitter plans to introduce advertising by allowing companies to pay to have their messages show up first in searches on its site. The debut of "Promoted Tweets" comes as Twitter increasingly faces questions about how it can turn its popularity into profits. The ads will be rolled out gradually, with fewer than 10 percent of users likely to see them Tuesday. Twitter declined to comment when asked whether it's charging the first group of advertisers. (AP)

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mary care doctors, 28 states are
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ity of nurse practitioners. These
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scribe narcotics. And if they hold
a doctorate, they want to be called
“Doctor.”

For years, nurse practitioners
have been playing a bigger role in
the nation's health care, especially
in regions with few doctors. With
32 million more Americans gain-
ing health insurance within a few
years, the health care overhaul is
putting more money into nurse-
managed clinics.

Those newly insured patients
will be looking for doctors and
may find nurses instead.



Nurse practitioner Amanda Cockrell, left, examines a patient at a clinic in Chicago.

The medical establishment is
fighting to protect its turf. The
American Medical Association says
a doctor shortage is no reason to
put nurses in charge and endan-
ger patients.

Nurse practitioners argue
there's no danger. They say they're
highly trained and as skilled as
doctors at diagnosing illness dur-
ing office visits. They know when
to refer the sickest patients to doc-
tor specialists.

“We're constantly having to

prove ourselves,” said Chicago
nurse practitioner Amanda Cock-
rell, 32, who tells patients she's just
like a doctor “except for the pay.”

The American Medical Associa-
tion argues that the quality of med-
ical care will drop if nurse practi-
tioners are given more power.

“A shortage of one type of pro-
fessional is not a reason to change
the standards of medical care,” said
AMA President-elect Dr. Cecil Wil-
son. “We need to train more physi-
cians.” CARLA K. JOHNSON (AP)

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Nation



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Plaintiff Kerry Lewis reacts Tuesday to the verdict against the Boy Scouts.

Boy Scouts Are Found Negligent in Abuse Case

Portland, Ore.

Jurors on Tuesday found the Boy Scouts of America negligent and awarded \$1.4 million to a man who was abused by an assistant Scoutmaster in the early 1980s, after a three-week trial in which secret Scout "perversion files" were used as evidence.

The jury also decided the Irving, Texas-based Scouts organization was liable for punitive damages that will be decided in a separate phase of the trial.

The Scouts denied allegations of negligence and said the files actually helped them keep child molesters out of their ranks.

Lawyers for Kerry Lewis, 38, the victim who filed the lawsuit, argued the Boy Scouts organization was reckless for allowing former assistant Scoutmaster Timur Dykes to continue to associate with the victim's Scout troop after Dykes acknowledged to a bishop for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints early in 1983 that he had molested 17 Boy Scouts.

Dykes was later convicted three times of various abuse charges. He admitted in a deposition to abusing Lewis. **WILLIAM MCCALL (AP)**

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World

Afghan Taliban Target Women

Female worker's fatal shooting occurs amid a rise in harassment

Kandahar, Afghanistan

A gunman lying in wait shot and killed an 18-year-old woman as she left her job at a U.S.-based development company Tuesday, casting a spotlight on a stepped-up campaign of Taliban intimidation against women in this southern city where U.S. troops plan a major operation in the coming weeks.

Although there was no claim of responsibility and police said the

motive for the attack was unclear, Taliban militants have been particularly harsh with women who work for foreign organizations or attend school. Bands of thugs are increasingly harassing women who want jobs, education and their own style of clothing, women and aid workers say.

In Tuesday's attack, the gunman emerged from a hiding place and shot the woman, whose first name was Hossai, after she stepped out of her office building, said deputy police chief Fazle Ahmed Shehzad. Hossai died at the hospital, and the assailant escaped.

Hossai worked for Development



A woman wearing a burqa shops in Kandahar, Afghanistan, on Tuesday.

Alternatives, Inc., a Washington-based global consulting firm that "provides social and economic development solutions to business, government, and civil society in devel-

oping and transitioning countries," according to its Web site.

Eight years after the U.S.-led invasion ousted the Taliban from power, fear again dominates the lives of many young women and girls in the violent south, the stronghold of a revived Islamist insurgency that curbed women's rights when it ruled most of the country until the 2001 U.S.-led invasion.

"Every day the security situation gets worse and worse," said Ehsanullah Ehsan, who has devoted the last 16 years to educating girls. He said many threats come from the Taliban, while others are from criminals and even police. **KATHY GANNON (AP)**

In Brief



Kyrgyz interim leader Roza Otunbayeva urged the ousted president to resign.

BISHKEK, KYRGYZSTAN

Interim Leader Extends Lease of U.S. Air Base

Kyrgyzstan's interim leader, Roza Otunbayeva, told The Associated Press in an exclusive interview Tuesday that her government will extend for a year the lease of a U.S. air base key to the war in Afghanistan, and guarantee the deposed president's safety if he steps down and leaves the country. Ousted president Kurmanbek Bakiyev said he was willing to resign, but he also wants security for his family as a condition of his resignation. **(AP)**

RIO DE JANEIRO

Activists Laud Verdict In American Nun's Death

A Brazilian rancher's conviction for the murder of an American nun in the Amazon could help discourage attacks on activists that for decades have largely gone unpunished, environmentalists and legal officials said Tuesday. Vitalmiro Moura was sentenced to 30 years for ordering the killing of 73-year-old Dorothy Stang in 2005 because she blocked him and another rancher from taking over land the government gave to farmers. **(AP)**

SYDNEY

Chinese Ship Leaves Gash In the Great Barrier Reef

A Chinese coal carrier rocked back and forth over a section of Australia's Great Barrier Reef after running aground, inflicting a gash 2 miles long into a shoal that will take 20 years to heal. A leading marine scientist called it the worst damage he's ever seen to the world's largest coral reef. The 755-foot Shen Neng 1 veered into protected waters and ran aground on Douglas Shoal on April 3. It was lifted off the reef Monday. **(AP)**

Israeli Citizens Urged to Leave Sinai Peninsula

Jerusalem, Israel

Israel issued an "urgent" warning Tuesday to its citizens to leave Egypt's Sinai Peninsula immediately, citing "concrete evidence of an expected terrorist attempt to kidnap Israelis in Sinai."

The statement from the Israeli prime minister's anti-terror office took the unusual step of calling on families of Israelis visiting the Sinai to establish contact with them.

The commander of the anti-terror office, Brig. Gen. Nitzan Uriel, acknowledged that there had been rumors that Israelis have been kidnapped in the Sinai. He said it would "take some time" to disprove the rumors, which circulated all day Tuesday.

"It is very possible that at this moment, there is a terror cell that has the intention and has a plan in operation to kidnap an Israeli and bring him to Gaza," he said.

Palestinian militants in Gaza have been holding an Israeli soldier captive for more than three years.

Uriel told a TV station there were about 1,200 Israelis in Sinai. **(AP)**



People gather near the presidential palace in Warsaw, where the bodies of Polish President Lech Kaczynski and his wife are on view.

Thousands Mourn Polish Leader

Warsaw, Poland

Thousands of grieving mourners tossed flowers on a slow-moving hearse and joined an enormous viewing line at the presidential palace to pay their respects Tuesday to Polish President Lech Kaczynski and his wife as their bodies lay in state.

Kaczynski and his wife, Maria Kaczynska, were among 96 people killed Saturday in a plane crash in western Russia. Investigators

are pointing to human error as the cause.

Mourners knelt, prayed and cried before the first couple's coffins in the Columned Hall of the palace, where the president appointed and dismissed governments. The line to get in swelled to more than half a mile.

"We will wait as long as it takes," said Alicja Marszalek, a retired telephone operator who was waiting with a friend. "We want to pay homage to them because they

were wonderful people. He was a modest man, very well educated, intelligent and kind."

Earlier Tuesday, Kaczynska's body was greeted with tears and tulips after being flown home from Russia. Officials announced that the first couple would be buried Sunday after a state funeral at Krakow's Wawel Cathedral.

Leaders expected to attend include President Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev. **MATT MOORE AND MONIKA SCISLOWSKA (AP)**

Demjanjuk Casts Self as a Victim

Munich

Retired Ohio autoworker John Demjanjuk told a German court Tuesday he was a victim of the Nazis, using his first major statement since his trial began to sharply criticize the country that started World War II for prosecuting him.

Demjanjuk, 90, is standing trial on 27,900 counts of being an accessory to murder on allegations he was a guard at the Sobibor camp in occupied Poland. He denies ever being at any camp, claiming he is

the victim of mistaken identity.

"I am again and again an innocent victim of the Germans," he said in a statement.



Demjanjuk

He said that as a prisoner of war, he was used by the Nazis as a slave laborer. Since his extradition from the U.S. last May, Demjanjuk has been in a prison near Munich, again "as a German prisoner of war," he said. (AP)

Homeward Bound



MATT CARDY/GETTY IMAGES

A SEAL PUP makes it way toward the sea after being released on a beach in Hayle, England, Tuesday. The seal was one of many reintroduced to the coastline after having been rescued and rehabilitated by the National Seal Sanctuary.

Music Ban Hits Somali Radios

Mogadishu, Somalia

Rock, rap and love songs once filled the airwaves in Somalia's war-torn capital. But Islamist militants ordered music off the air Tuesday, labeling it un-Islamic in an edict reminiscent of the Taliban.

Stations quickly complied, fearful that they would face harsh punishments. The edict is the latest unpopular order from Islamists, who also have banned bras and movies. (AP)

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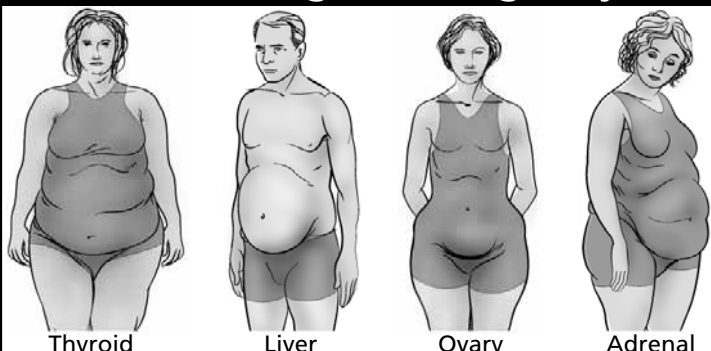
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Pakistani Airstrikes Kill Civilians

At least 68 villagers die in weekend raid along Afghan border

Peshawar, Pakistan

Dilla Baz Khan was pulling a woman from the rubble of an air raid when Pakistani jets screamed back into the valley for a second bombing run, killing scores of people in a village locals say had been supportive of army offensives against militants along the Afghan border.

Khan and other survivors said Tuesday at least 68 villagers were killed in the weekend airstrikes, sharply contradicting initial army



MOHAMMAD SAJJAD/AP

Dilla Baz Khan, right, survived Saturday's air raid in Sara Walla, Pakistan.

accounts that the dead were Islamist militants. A local administration official said \$125,000 had been paid in compensation to victims.

The official declined to say how

many of the dead were civilians but said Shafiullah Khan, the top official in Khyber, admitted the victims were "mostly" innocent villagers.

Three witnesses interviewed Tuesday in a hospital in the main northwestern city of Peshawar gave the first detailed account of the air raids, which took place Saturday in the remote village of Sara Walla in the Khyber tribal agency.

Khan Gul Khan, a Sara Walla resident who was visiting a relative in the hospital, said the owner of the house that was bombed initially, Hamid Khan, has two sons serving in the paramilitary Frontier Corps. "This house was bombed on absolutely wrong information," he said. CHRIS BRUMMITT AND RIAZ KHAN (AP)

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First Lady's Leading Role

Michelle Obama kicks off her international agenda on a trip to Haiti and Mexico

Mexico City

On Tuesday, first lady Michelle Obama kicked off a three-day trip abroad with a surprise visit to Haiti.

Accompanied by Jill Biden, wife of the vice president, Obama stopped in Port-au-Prince en route to Mexico City, where she is scheduled to launch an international campaign encouraging young people to become actively involved in their communities.

The visit to the Haitian capital, which was virtually destroyed by a magnitude-7.0 earthquake in January, gave the first lady an opportunity to extend a caring hand to the Haitian people and to draw attention to their dire circumstances. "It's powerful," she said. "The devastation is definitely powerful."

Obama has already visited nine countries since moving into the White House. But on this trip she will be a solo star on the world stage. Her journey to Mexico City is her first official foreign trip alone — without the president and without her children.

Obama will be in Mexico City for a total of about 40 hours and is not expected to travel outside the capital. She will speak to young people — from primary-school students to recent college graduates



First lady Michelle Obama greets Haitian children during her unannounced visit to the quake-ravaged country on Tuesday.

— encouraging them to become active in their communities and to take responsibility for their own future.

First ladies have a long history of ruffling feathers on the international stage, venturing into dangerous territory, or at least speaking their minds, says Myra Gutin, a historian who focuses on the lives of presidential spouses.

Often, though, first ladies spend a significant part of their time on the road engaged in cultural affairs. Obama, for instance, will tour the Museo Nacional de Antropología (National Museum of Anthropology).

It would be unwise to be dismissive of visits to museums, landmarks and such, even though they don't have the drama of, say, flying into a war-torn country on a plane filled with care packages, says Anita McBride, first lady Laura Bush's chief of staff from 2005 to 2009. "When you visit a cultural institution or a performing arts event, in the world of diplomacy, it matters," McBride says. "It matters in a big way."

The American first lady is also uniquely influential on the world stage. "No other spouse of a head of state has a de facto government position," Gutin says. "It's intentionally fuzzy. As the first lady, you have a chance to assert in a quiet way, 'I speak for the government,' or to say, 'I don't speak for the government.' You can have it both ways."

As a result, the first lady can serve as the most humane face of an administration. "It gives you the freedom to be a representative of the country in the most positive way," McBride says. "Our country looks to the first lady to be a good-will ambassador."

And goodwill always counts as an asset on the balance sheet.

ROBIN GIVHAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Recent Provocative Trips by First Ladies



HILLARY CLINTON: As first lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton traveled to China for the U.N.'s Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995 to deliver a major address. In the weeks leading up to her speech, Clinton administration officials debated whether it was wise for her to go, whether she should confront China on its human rights abuses and how it should

be done. She ended up delivering her now-famous speech in which she equated women's rights and human rights. "If there is one message that echoes forth from this conference," Clinton said, "it is that human rights are women's rights, and women's rights are human rights once and for all."



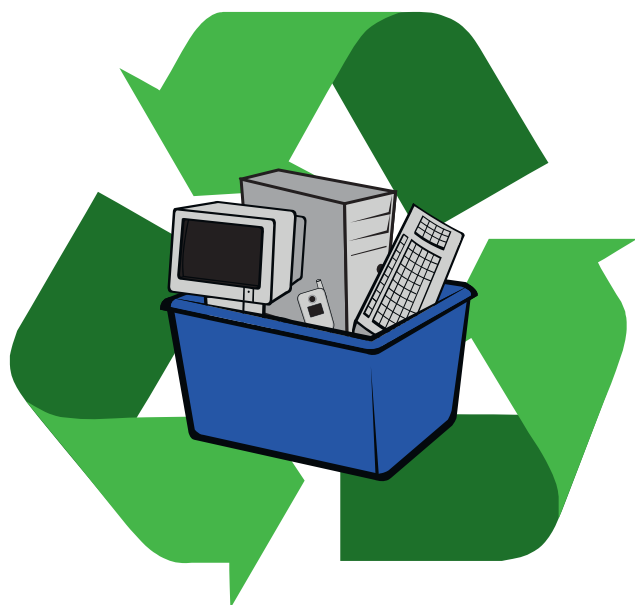
LAURA BUSH: In 2002, when Laura Bush was in Prague on her first overseas trip alone, she delivered a 13-minute address on Radio Free Europe in which she stumped for women's rights in Afghanistan. "I want you to know that the isolation the Taliban regime forced on you is not normal," she said. "Before the Taliban, women were elected

representatives in Afghanistan's parliament, and women were a vital part of Afghanistan's life. I hope you will be again, because a society can only achieve its full potential when all of its members participate." The comments were broadcast to 28 countries, including Afghanistan.

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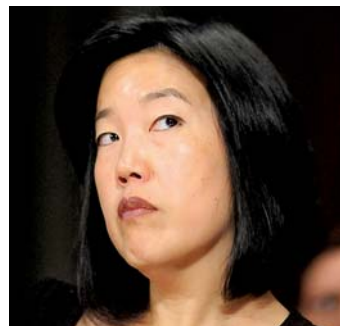
DCPS Budget Reversal

Chancellor Rhee says
deficit that prompted
firings now a surplus

Washington

Chancellor Michelle A. Rhee, who laid off 266 teachers in October to help close what she said was a \$43 million budget gap, told the D.C. Council on Monday that raises for educators under a proposed labor contract would be paid for in part by a \$34 million surplus in that same budget.

Council members expressed astonishment at Rhee's disclosure, which came during a morning meeting to discuss the tentative contract settlement with the Washington Teachers' Union announced last week. It is likely to revive charges among some council and union members that Rhee manipulated last year's budget process to execute the layoffs,



MELINA MARAT/TWP

Michelle Rhee said that a \$43 million budget gap is now a \$34 million surplus.

and could well complicate deliberations over the proposed labor deal. The pact must be ratified by both the union and the council.

"This just gets curiousest and curiousest," said council member Jim Graham, D-Ward 1.

Council Chairman Vincent C. Gray said it appeared that the layoffs — which triggered weeks of stormy public hearings, students protests, teacher rallies and a union lawsuit — might have been

unnecessary. He also said the council should have been apprised of the surplus, which Rhee said she learned about in January — about two months after the terminated teachers were dropped from the District payroll.

Gray, who is challenging Rhee's boss, Mayor Adrian M. Fenty, in the September mayoral primary, said if he were a laid-off teacher, he'd be livid. "I'd be about ready to put my hands around somebody's throat," he said. "People lost their jobs under a budget deficit that didn't exist. That's what I heard today."

Rhee said that based on data she received from Noah Wepman, then the school system's chief financial officer, the budget gap was legitimate and that she had no choice but to address it. She added that the District's contention was upheld by a judge in the union's lawsuit challenging the layoffs. **BILL TURQUE (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

Bicyclist Killed in Truck Collision

Washington

Co-workers and family mourned Tuesday a bicyclist struck and killed by a military truck Monday evening in a collision connected with the Nuclear Security Summit.



Holden

Constance Holden, 68, of Mount Pleasant was struck by a 5.5-ton National Guard truck about 6 p.m. at New York Avenue and 12th Street NW.

Maj. Gen. Errol Schwartz, commanding general of the D.C. National Guard, said the truck was "pulling forward" to help block the intersection for the passage of a motorcade when the incident occurred.

A police statement said the truck was not part of the motorcade when the accident occurred.



HARAZN GHANBARI/AP

Officers investigate the fatal accident Monday at New York Avenue and 12th Street NW.

Holden worked for the American Association for the Advancement of Science. A statement issued by the group Tuesday said she joined the staff of Science magazine in 1970 and had worked as a reporter and editor.

Earlier in the day, traffic in the

downtown area seemed to flow without significant incident as the summit began.

People stayed home by the tens of thousands, worried about predictions of downtown gridlock.

ASHLEY HALSEY III AND MARTIN WEIL (THE WASHINGTON POST)

FBI Investigates Student Beating

College Park, Md.

The FBI is investigating an incident last month in which three Prince George's County police officers in riot gear used their batons to beat an unarmed University of Maryland student for no apparent reason — an event captured on videotape.

FBI Special Agent Rich Wolf, a spokesman for the bureau's Baltimore field office, said agents will review the videotape of the beating — which occurred as students were celebrating a victory by Maryland's men's basketball team over Duke on March 3 — and other pieces of evidence. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Church-County Project Lawsuit Rejected in Va.

Arlington, Va.

A U.S. District Court judge threw out a First Amendment challenge to an affordable housing project above a church in Arlington County on Monday, ruling that it does not violate the constitutional separation of church and state.

Judge Claude M. Hilton said Peter Glassman failed to prove that the county, by partnering with First Baptist Church of Clarendon to build apartments and enable the church to renovate, is advancing religion or enriching the church, as Glassman alleged. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Happy 267th Birthday, Jefferson



DAVID HOOVER, Maryland chapter president of the Sons of the American Revolution, center, poses with the Dupuis sisters—Payton, left, and Lauren—as their mother, Polly Dupuis, photographs the scene. People celebrated Thomas Jefferson's 267th birthday at the memorial to him in D.C. on Tuesday.

KATHERINE FREY/TWP

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Mid-day Lucky Numbers	2-9-0
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Evening D.C. Five (Tues.)	0-9-5-1-2
Daily 6 (Tues.)	2-16-20-25-29-32 (10)

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	7-5-3
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	4-4-1
Mid-day Pick 4	2-9-2-9
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	6-5-0-5
Match 5 (Tues.)	17-18-22-26-31 (8)

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	1-2-9
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	8-9-5
Mid-day Pick 4	6-5-9-7
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	1-8-1-8
Mid-day Cash 5	5-6-10-14-23
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Gee Wiz, the Season Finally Ends

Disappointing year to give way to major offseason dilemmas

The Wizards

Here's a quiz: Who is Alonzo Gee?

(A) A member of the pending Wizards ownership group.

(B) A swingman who played 11 games for Washington this season.

(C) A Bud Light vendor on the 400 level at Verizon Center.

Gee, if you've been paying attention, was one of the many 10-day contract players Washington cycled through this season. But, unfortunately for Washington, he performed so well that he was signed



away by San Antonio, which offered him a partially guaranteed contract through next season.

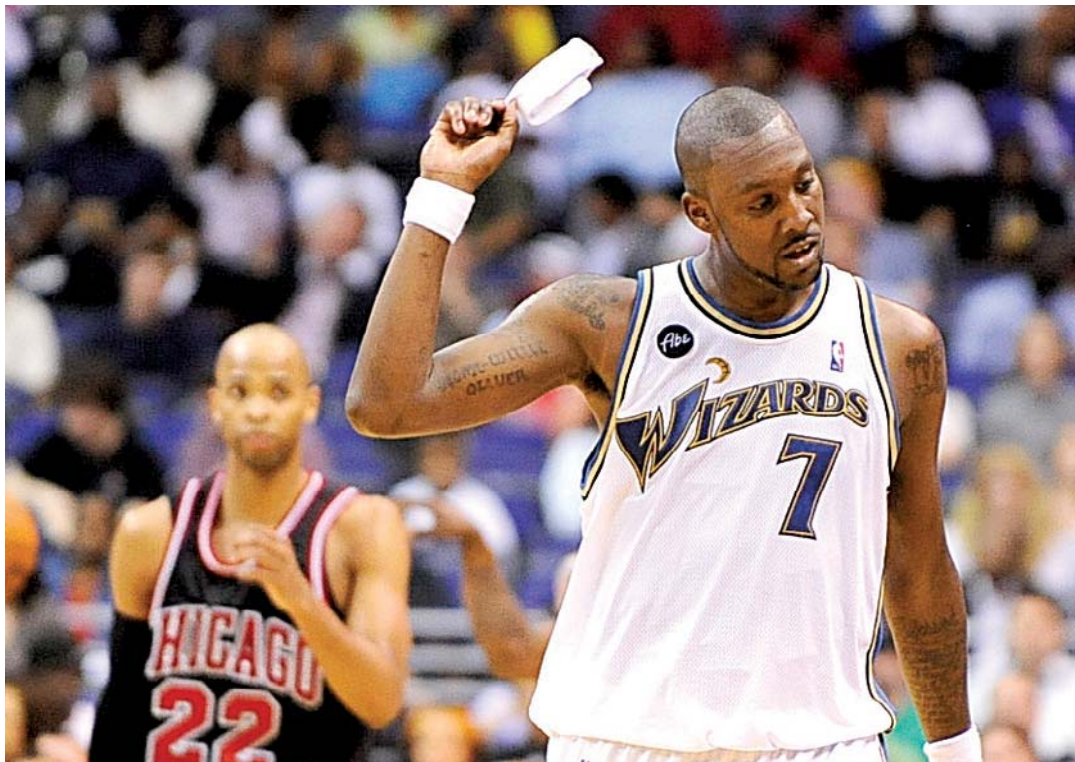
That's right: Even when the Wizards found a diamond in the rough during this abysmal season, they weren't able to hang onto it. It's enough to make fans want to imbibe a lot more than a Bud Light.

Washington (25-56) mercifully ends its season Wednesday, the second consecutive campaign in which they'll miss the playoffs. But unlike last year, there's little to be optimistic about for the immediate future.

"[W]ho knows if this team will be the same [next season]?" Wizards forward Andray Blatche said.

That's unlikely.

None of the former "Big Three" will be on the court when the Wizards take on the Pacers. Gilbert Arenas is serving a short stay in a half-



Andray Blatche throws his handband in disgust after a loss to the Bulls. He showed signs of brilliance and immaturity this year.



Three Big Questions

After one of the most disappointing seasons in franchise history, the Wizards face some crucial decisions in this pivotal offseason.

Who's Going to Run the Show?

Presumably, Ted Leonsis will gain control of the Wizards soon. Then he must decide whether Ernie Grunfeld should stay in charge of the front

office and whether coach Flip Saunders deserves a second season on the bench.

► **Will Gilbert Arenas Be Back?** Grunfeld has repeatedly said Arenas, above, will be with the team next year, but it could be a front to increase the star's trade value. A fresh start may be best for both sides after a tumultuous year.

► **Will Free Agents Come?** The Wizards could have more than \$18 million to play with in the offseason, but luring a big-name free agent to a team that is definitely in transition could be a very tough sell.

way house for a much-publicized gun prank gone wrong, while Antawn Jamison and Caron Butler were both traded after the team lost hope.

What's left? A bunch of personnel deemed to be role players

at best when the regular season started. Blatche has made significant progress, leading what's left of the active roster in both scoring (14 ppg) and rebounding (6.3 ppg). But he's also had clashes with Saun-

ders, which has raised some speculation about the forwards future with the club.

"For [Blatche], it's still a process," Saunders said. "He's still got to cut down on turnovers; he still has to work more defensively. He's got that ability; for him, there's always a challenge."

But the questions hardly end at whether Blatche can be an impact player when the Wizards are eventually good again. First, they could use a good draw in the NBA lottery. Next, they'll look to use some of their salary cap space to chase a top-line free agent. And all of that will play out while Ted Leonsis tries to finalize a deal to become the majority owner of the team and then tries to figure out whether he wants to keep Arenas as one of the franchise's showpiece players. **ERIC BRANDNER**



Caps goalie Jose Theodore was benched one game into the playoffs last season.

Theodore Gets the Nod in Net

The Capitals

One year after his unceremonious benching one game into the post-season, José Theodore will return as the Washington Capitals' starting goaltender when they open the playoffs Thursday against the Montreal Canadiens. This time, however, coach Bruce Boudreau said he plans to give the veteran more leeway than he was afforded last spring.

"He knows he's playing," Boudreau said after practice at Kettler Capitals Iceplex. "He knows he's going to be in the net."

While Boudreau was impressed enough with Theodore's play over the past two months to hand him the keys to the NHL's top team, his former Montreal teammate Tomas Plekanec apparently is not. The Canadiens' leading scorer was quoted in Tuesday's editions of La Presse as saying, "It's not as though we were up against [New Jersey's Martin] Brodeur or [Buffalo's Ryan] Miller. They don't have a dominant goalie."

When Plekanec's comments were relayed to Theodore, the Capitals goalie fired back. "Tomas who? Jagr?" Theodore said, referring to Jaromir Jagr, Plekanec's Olympic teammate with the Czech Republic. "Oh, Plekanec, OK. I thought you meant Jagr." **TARIK EL-BASHIR** (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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A Pittsburgh company that markets food products endorsed by local sports stars has ended its beef jerky sponsorship deal with Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger. PLB Sports president

Ty Ballou says Roethlisberger is "falling short" of the company's standards after a Georgia prosecutor announced Monday he will not prosecute the quarterback over sexual assault allegations. (AP)



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Sports

Gruden: Redskins May Draft a Quarterback

Analyst says team
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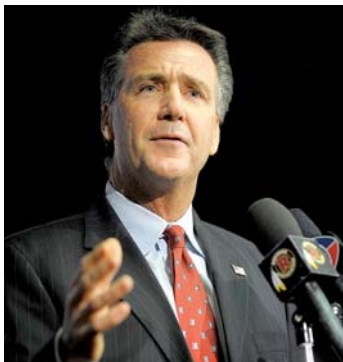
The Redskins

ESPN analyst Jon Gruden went through five NFL drafts with Redskins General Manager Bruce Allen while the two were together in Tampa, so he knows a little bit about Allen's style and tendencies. He said Tuesday on a conference call that he

wouldn't rule out the Redskins' targeting a quarterback in next week's draft, though he suggested that the team might try to nab someone in the later rounds who's currently a bit under the radar.

"I know Bruce Allen well enough to know that he knows he needs a quarterback. ... I don't put anything past Bruce Allen, that's for sure. He's got a unique way of looking at things," said Gruden, the Bucs' former head coach.

Gruden, a proponent of sitting



Redskins GM Bruce Allen is playing coy about his strategy for the NFL draft.

a rookie quarterback so they can adjust to the NFL, said he liked the Redskins' acquisition of Donovan McNabb but could see the Redskins still drafting a quarterback despite last week's big trade and grooming the youngster over time.

Fellow ESPN analyst Ron Jaworski said two darkhorse quarterbacks who might be available late in the draft, Tennessee's Jonathan Crompton and Northwestern's Mike Kafka, could be options.

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Dunn Stays Patient Amid Slump

Nats slugger taking plenty of walks while his bat remains silent

The Nationals

History suggests not to worry about Adam Dunn. Look at his home run totals from the past six years — 46, 40, 40, 40, 40, 38. Each of those seasons, his final on-base plus slugging percentage (OPS) landed somewhere between .855 and .956. In an unpredictable sport, Dunn may be as close to a sure thing as exists.

Heck, the present suggests not to worry about him. He's walked 10 times in the Washington Nationals' first seven games, most in the majors after Monday, and he has a .448 on-base percentage. He has reached base every game. Dunn is not making many outs, which is the most important thing an offensive



MORRY GASH/AP

The Nationals' Adam Dunn is 2 for 18 this season — both of his hits were singles.

player can do.

You already know there is a "but" coming. Dunn has started the season 2 for 18, both hits singles. With the clean-up hitter cold, most of the

Nationals have followed. Only three hitters — Josh Willingham, Iván Rodríguez and Cristian Guzmán — have batted better than .211 so far. The Nationals have hit .219 as

a team and scored 3.71 runs per game, 25th in the majors.

The necessary disclaimer is that one measly week of baseball stats is a sample size to be scoffed at, not studied. If Dunn goes 2 for 4 Wednesday, his average will jump 71 points.

Typical of his personality, Dunn has shown little concern about his slow start. "I'm just not putting the balls in play or getting hits on pitchers that I normally do," Dunn said. "The good thing is, I do feel good. So I know it's going to change."

The best sign for Dunn is his bundle of walks. If he were swinging early in the count trying to get hits, Dunn said, it would be a sign he had abandoned his approach. That he has not sets him at ease. "I would be panicking a little bit if I wasn't seeing the ball as good as I am," Dunn said. "I'm not worried about that part. That part will be there."

ADAM KILGORE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Hearsay



"I don't want to go out there and have those players on the Nationwide Tour think this is a publicity stunt for attention. It's not."

— JERRY RICE, THE RETIRED HALL-OF-FAME FOOTBALL PLAYER, ON HIS DECISION TO TRY TO BE A PROFESSIONAL GOLFER ON THE NATIONWIDE TOUR.

Ravens Cut Ties With CB Rolle

Pro Football

The Baltimore Ravens on Tuesday terminated the contract of cornerback Samari Rolle, who missed the entire 2009 season with a neck injury.

Rolle, 33, broke into the NFL with the Tennessee Titans in 1998 and went to the Pro Bowl in 2000. He joined the Ravens in March 2005 and started all 16 games

during his first two seasons in Baltimore.

But things began to go awry in 2007, when Rolle was diagnosed with epilepsy. That, and a shoulder injury, limited him to six games that season. He missed six starts in 2008 because of neck problems and had surgery during the offseason. He was released before the 2009 season at his own request, then re-signed a four-year, \$10 million contract. (AP)

TV Lineup

WIZARDS (8 P.M., CSN) Mercifully, the Wizards' season comes to an end against the Indiana Pacers.

NATIONALS (7 P.M., MASN) The Nats try to hand the Phillies their second loss of the season.

NHL (7 P.M., 10:30 P.M., 12:30 A.M., VERSUS) The NHL postseason gets under way with Ottawa challenging Pittsburgh, Phoenix hosting Detroit and San Jose facing off against Colo-

rado in Game 1 of each series.

NBA (8 P.M., 10:30 P.M., ESPN) Oklahoma City tips off against Memphis, and Utah hosts Phoenix in the final day of the regular season.

BASEBALL (8 P.M., ESPN2) The St. Louis Cardinals take on the Houston Astros.

SOCCER (2:55 P.M., ESPN2) Arsenal battles Tottenham in the Premier League.

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Tourist Traps

D.C. has long been lambasted for its lack of fashion sense. (Example: I'm still getting irate mail about a column I wrote weeks ago suggesting women stop pairing pantyhose with summer sandals. Ladies! If you insist that you need the hose, then just wear it. But don't be surprised when people quietly snicker at your questionable style sense.)



By Betsy Lowther

But you know who's worse than Washingtonians when it comes to matters of attire? Washington's tourists. Now that our city is overrun with the map-wielding, backpack-toting, stroller-pushing masses, it's clear there are communities in America that dress much, much worse than we do.

Here's what I spotted during a brief sojourn to the National Mall recently: a sports team ensemble that included a logo-emblazoned hat, shirt, shorts and socks. Mullets. Fanny packs galore. White tube socks. Light-washed denim from head to toe. Foam visors. A T-shirt suggesting the wearer "Just Did It" (classy!). Scrunchies.

It's obvious D.C. is no longer at the bottom of the fashion barrel. (That distinction now belongs, based on an informal survey, to Florida.) Now, if we could just get you pantyhose lovers to stick to closed-toe shoes.

Flicks That Beat the Heat

Keep summer light with a cool parade of animated features and lots of comedy

Preview

Studio executives don't care about your money. They just want you to laugh and love. But if you happen to turn your money over to them at the same time, all the better.

Hollywood's summer is crammed with comedy and romance, old friends such as Shrek, the "Toy Story" gang and the "Sex and the City" pals mixing with the latest from Adam Sandler and Will Ferrell.

Sarah Jessica Parker jokes that "Sex and the City 2" (releasing May 27) is like a Hope-and-Crosby road movie. It takes Parker's Carrie Bradshaw and the rest of her buddies (Kim Cattrall, Kristin Davis and Cynthia Nixon) to Abu Dhabi, where their stylish Manhattan ways clash with strict Middle Eastern traditions.

Despite the exotic setting, Carrie and friends are the same old foursome, trying to make sense of their relationships and have a good time while they're at it.

"It just is an opportunity for the characters to be two years older, slightly wiser, maybe more curious about things that they didn't really think of before," Parker said. "The dynamic hasn't changed that much."

"Toy Story 3" (out June 18) and "Shrek Forever After" (out May 21) are fresh chapters for two of the biggest animated franchises ever.



The arrival of "Shrek Forever After," above, and "Toy Story 3" make this summer a big one for popular animated franchises.

Extra Credits



Double the Steve

One actor we'll be seeing a lot of this summer is our favorite boss, Steve Carell. The "Office" star appears in the comedy "Dinner for Schmucks" (out July 23) in which he vies for title of biggest idiot, and he voices the lead in "Despicable Me" (out July 6). "Both of [the characters] live on the fringes of society," Carell told The AP. "They are loners." (EXPRESS)



Cynthia Nixon and Sarah Jessica Parker return for more "Sex and the City."

The movies reunite their all-star voice casts: Tom Hanks and Tim Allen as Woody the cowboy and Buzz Lightyear in "Toy Story 3"; and Mike Myers, Cameron

Diaz, Eddie Murphy and Antonio Banderas as Shrek, Fiona, Donkey and Puss in Boots, respectively, in "Shrek Forever After."

Billed as the franchise finale, the fourth "Shrek" movie spins an "It's a Wonderful Life" nightmare in which the ogre was never born, never met his friends and never married the love of his life.

The playthings of "Toy Story 3" face their own nightmare — the prospect of winding up in storage in the attic or worse — discarded — now that their kid has grown up.

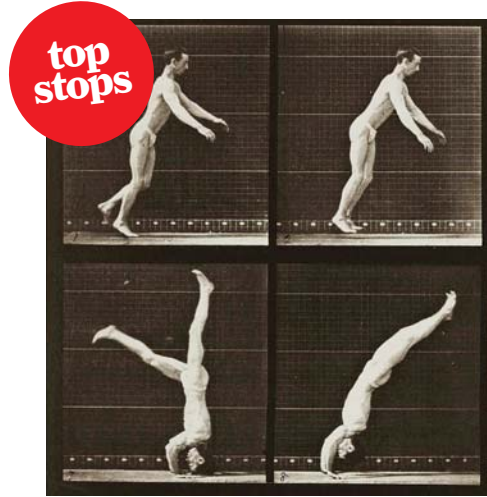
Sandler teams with Chris Rock, Kevin James, David Spade and Rob Schneider for a comedy about five childhood pals reuniting as family men in "Grown Ups" (out June 25). Ferrell joins Mark Wahlberg for "The Other Guys" (out Aug. 6), the tale of a police accountant partnered with a tough street cop.

DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

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1 Not-So-Still Life
Eadweard Muybridge not only gets the award for most bizarre spelling of a common name ever, but also the one for most important pictures taken of horses. "Helios," the Corcoran Gallery's new exhibit of Muybridge's photography, highlights the artist's pioneering locomotion studies. **F.Z. Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th St. NW; through July 18, \$8-\$10; 202-639-1700, Corcoran.org. (Farragut West)**

2 Hell and Back
Yann Martel made a splash when he wrote "Life of Pi" nearly 10 years ago. His new book, "Beatrice and Virgil," is supposed to be similarly fanciful, but not as good. It's about a monkey and a donkey having wacky adventures. You can hear Martel speak about it tonight at an event hosted by Politics & Prose. **F.Z. Sixth and I Historic Synagogue, 600 I St. NW; 7p.m, \$12 or get two tickets free when you buy the book; 202-364-1919, Politics-prose.com. (Gallery Place)**

3 Clowning Around
Faction of Fools seems to be attempting to single-handedly bring commedia dell'arte to Washington. Thank goodness someone thought to do it. Its new show, "The House With Two Doors," should be a good introduction for those of you who don't know what commedia dell'arte is, which is most of you. **F.Z. Fort Fringe Shop, 607 New York Ave. NW; through May 9, \$20; 866-811-4111, Factionoffools.org. (Mount Vernon Square)**



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Not for the Quasi-Fan

Only big-time Oprah enthusiasts need to read this biography

Book Review

Oprah Winfrey may be one of the richest, most powerful people in the world, with approximately \$2.4 billion and the highest-rated daytime talk show on television, but celebrity biographer Kitty Kelley says she has one thing Winfrey doesn't — the identity of Winfrey's father.

And she's not telling. Winfrey wouldn't talk to Kelley for "Oprah," Kelley's way-unauthorized biography, and neither would Winfrey's mother, Vernita Lee; her perpetual fiancé, Stedman Graham; or her best friend, Gayle King.

For the past 15 years, Winfrey has required virtually everyone around her to sign confidentiality agreements. But Kelley managed to talk to Vernon Winfrey, the man who raised Oprah Winfrey, though he knew he wasn't her biological father, and Katharine Carr Esters, a cousin Oprah Winfrey calls "Aunt Katharine."

And just to prove it, the first two pictures in the book's photo insert show not the Queen of All Media, but Vernon Winfrey whispering in Kelley's ear and Esters with her arm around Kelley.

We hope Kelley's having fun needling her subject, because it certainly doesn't do the reader any good to learn in a footnote that "on July 30, 2007, Mrs. Esters told the author the name and family background of Oprah Winfrey's real father on the



CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

Oprah Winfrey and her inner circle declined to talk with biographer Kitty Kelley.

condition that the information not be published until Vernita Lee tells her daughter the entire story."

And is Kelley any help in answering the question many people have about Winfrey: Is she gay?

Oprah Winfrey learned from Bill Clinton to write one-page letters, so their recipients could frame them.

James van Sweden, a landscape architect who designed the grounds for Oprah Winfrey's Indiana farm, says, "I spent days in her bedroom designing plans from every window, so I knew every inch of that room, which is why I can tell you that there were no men's clothes in any of Oprah's closets and no trace of Stedman anywhere."

"She talked about Gayle far more than she ever did Stedman," van Sweden continues, "but I don't

think that she and Gayle are a lesbian couple. They're just very good friends." So, there you have it.

Anyone who cares about Winfrey already knows she was sexually abused as a child, gave birth at 15 to a premature baby who died soon after, used cocaine in her 20s and struggles with her weight. She's always been ambitious and wanted to have a lot of money. Now that she's rich, she loves to throw her cash around. She's revealed all this on her show or in her magazine.

There are some good tidbits. Winfrey learned from former president Bill Clinton to write one-page letters, so their recipients could frame them, according to Kelley.

There are lists of every book chosen for Oprah's Book Club, lists of sensational show topics, and a David Letterman bit, "Top Ten Articles From Oprah's New Magazine," including "No. 4: My Love Affair With Oprah, by Oprah." And unless you're having a love affair with her, the book is a long slog.

Laurie Muchnick (Bloomberg News)

TV Beat

Play Him Off: "Tonight Show" bandleader Kevin Eubanks has made it official: He's leaving as Jay Leno's sideman in May after 18 years with the late-night host. He told Leno during Monday's taping of "Tonight" that he was ready for a career change of pace, but he didn't announce specific plans. Eubanks called the NBC late-night show his "home" and said it had been "a wonderful experience" working there. LYNN ELBER (AP)

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Odd Left Turn

MGMT's new album goes in a strange musical direction

CD Review

MGMT is the kind of band that inspires strong opinions from music fans. To many younger listeners, it's a group of fun-loving, neo-psychedelic whiz kids with great party songs. For the grouchier types, MGMT represent a frustrating case of style over substance, a group whose ideas don't often match up with the hype surrounding the band and its flashy, quasi-mystical aesthetic.



Congratulations
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With 2007's "Oracular Spectacular," MGMT was able to hook listeners with three very good singles, "Kids," "Time to Pretend" and "Electric Feel." Simple electro-pop songs with a psychedelic bent, they were buoyant and hopeful, easy to love and incredibly catchy.

But despite those standout singles, the rest of "Oracular Spectacular" wasn't particularly strong — and neither is its follow-up, "Congratulations." Noticeably devoid of hooks, the album's a curious stylistic left turn that doesn't often play



"Congratulations" is overly experimental and skips the catchy pop tracks.

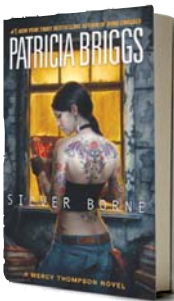
to the band's strengths.

Rather than playing up MGMT's pop side, "Congratulations" highlights the band's more experimental tendencies. MGMT has always been a psychedelic-pop act at its core, but here the band tries to swirl too many disparate elements into its songs and wind up with a jumble of ideas and no clear direction. There are traces of prog-rock, glam and dance music, but it seems like the band wants to highlight all these sounds at once — and MGMT does so at the expense of natural rhythm and melody.

"Congratulations" is far from an objectionable record — it's pleasant to have on and even delightfully kooky at times. But it's a strange turn for MGMT, and it will be interesting to see how its fanbase and the wider public takes to the record. **JOE COLLY**

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TV tonight **lookout**

Best Bets

CW
9:00

Fly Girls The ladies surprise Tasha with a trip to Las Vegas for her birthday, but the honoree has a few surprises of her own. Nikole shares a surprising story and gets up close and personal with a DJ as the women hit several Vegas hot spots. Farrah interviews for a corporate position with Virgin America in the new episode "Destination: Sin City."

ABC
9:00

Modern Family Luke and Manny's (Rico Rodriguez, left) hot-tempered basketball coach quits during a game, causing Jay (Ed O'Neill, center) and Phil (Ty Burrell, right) to jockey to fill the position in the episode "Benched."



USA
10:00

In Plain Sight A BATF agent is shot during an undercover weapons deal. When he awakens, he learns that Mary has protected him during his three-year coma, and it is only his eyewitness testimony that can put a prolific weapons trafficker behind bars.

ABC
10:00



Ugly Betty After four seasons, the Emmy-winning comedy series draws to a close. Betty has news for Daniel about her future, and Daniel has a surprising reaction. Hilda, Tommy and Justin consider a move to the big city, while Amanda mourns her dead dog, Halston. Also: Is Wilhelmina dead? (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



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Inside Killer Instincts

WORSE THAN WAR

PBS
9:00

This documentary is difficult and utterly compelling at the same time. The film follows author and professor Daniel Jonah Goldhagen, who has spent his professional life studying genocide. Goldhagen reminds us how words are not enough to describe genocide and how we often use language to deceive ourselves about the nature of the crime. We call such acts "unthinkable," yet killings all over the world are carefully planned and executed. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Foodie Fave



Birthday Steak

On "Top Chef Masters" (10 p.m., Bravo), Carmen Gonzalez, David Burke, Marcus Samuelsson, Monica Pope and Thierry Rautureau are the five chefs facing off. They gather at a Beverly Hills hotel, where they are charged with creating an unforgettable birthday meal for actor Mekhi Phifer, above, and his closest friends in the new episode "It's My Party." (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

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Midwest Airlines' Name Dropped

Transit

Republic Airways Holdings Inc., which owns both Midwest and Frontier Airlines, said on Tuesday that it will discontinue the use of the Midwest Airlines name, in favor of the Frontier name for its traditional airline business. The name of the company remains Republic, and it will continue to run feeder carriers operated under contract for other airlines.

Republic CEO Bryan Bedford

said in an interview that travelers associated the Frontier name with low fares, while Midwest was seen as more of a high-price airline. That was an important consideration at Midwest's Milwaukee base, which has become a hot spot of competition with low-cost carriers Southwest Airlines and AirTran.

Midwest was struggling last summer when Republic bought it for \$31 million. Republic bought Frontier out of bankruptcy protection in October. (AP)

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Turkish Taste in Berlin

The doner kebab is Germany's newest fast-food obsession

Culinary Tourism

Forget about bratwurst, currywurst and other kinds of sausages — doner kebab, or shawarma, has overtaken traditional German fast food as the country's favorite snack on the go.

First brought to Berlin by Turkish immigrants in the 1970s, the grilled meat snack that comes in pita bread with shredded lettuce, tomatoes, onions and different dressings, is now being sold everywhere in Germany from the Baltic Sea to the Bavarian Alps.

Students and late-night revelers like it as much as construction workers and foreign backpackers do.

"We assume that doner kebab is the Germans' favorite fast food by now," said Yunus Ulusoy, an expert from the Center for the Study of Turkey in Essen, who has done extensive research on how the ethnic specialty conquered Germany's culinary mainstream.

The secret behind the doner's success story is not only its satisfying grilled taste, Ulusoy said, but



A man serves a doner kebab, or shawarma, at a Turkish restaurant in Berlin.

400

The amount, in tons, of doner meat sold every day by about 15,500 doner places in Germany, according to ATDID, the Association of Turkish Doner Producers in Europe.

also its affordability — a regular doner in a pita costs only between 2.50 euros and 5 euros.

The veal and chicken sandwiches are more popular than pizza, hamburgers, French fries and even classic German sausages, according to a poll by German Men's Health magazine from 2008.

The word doner comes from the

Turkish verb donmek, or to turn, because it is grilled on a spit and cut off in razor-thin slices.

In Turkey, the dish was originally made of lamb and sold only on a plate. According to the legend, it was Mahmut Aygun, a Turkish guest worker, who invented the first doner sandwich in 1971, when he sold the meat in a piece of pita bread with yogurt dressing at City-Imbiss stand near West Berlin's main Zoo train station.

Since then, the snack has been exported worldwide, and even countries as far away as Vietnam now sell doner pita as "typical German students' food." KIRSTEN GRIESHABER (AP)

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WHEN: April 19, May 14, July 16, Aug. 13, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17.

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WHEN: April 12-May 15; add \$100 for Sept. 1-Oct. 25; \$750 for July 1-31; \$850 for Aug. 1-31; \$900 for May 16-June 30.

DETAILS: Based on double occupancy. Contact Europevacations.com.

She's Such a Spice Girl

Daisy Martinez proves Latino food goes beyond tacos

Cookbooks

Peruvian fusion ceviche, Brazilian cocktail mania and a national obsession with the taco prove that Latino cuisine has planted a firm flag in the U.S. food landscape. One of the way-south-of-the-border style's most ardent ambassadors is Daisy Martinez. The chef and cookbook author translates Latin dishes from Argentine empanadas to Mexican flan on her Food Network show, "Viva Daisy!" Now the vivacious Brooklynite with Puerto Rican roots reveals more of her cucina secrets in "Daisy: Morning, Noon and Night" (\$30, Atria Books).

Are there any Latin American cuisines that are underrated?

In the U.S., we aren't eating real Mexican food. I think people need to discover that regional Mexican cuisine is about chiles, seafood and grains. And then right on its heels is Peruvian food, which we're rocking in this country with ceviche, which I like to call Latino sushi.

You travel to Latin America often. Does it improve your cooking?

Travel is inspiring. You come home, invariably, and want to make something you've had on your trip.

How do I get started cooking Latino food?

Start with the basics, not tamales. Do a chimichurri sauce, which is easy, and use that to dress a skirt steak. That'll make you feel emboldened enough to try a cilantro pesto for a nice piece of grilled fish.

What are the staples of the Latin kitchen, and what can I do with them?

Rice, dried beans — and you should have at least four bags of sofrito [a garlic-cilantro spice blend] in your freezer at any one time.



In her new cookbook, Latino cuisine pro Daisy Martinez tells how to turn peppers, avocados et al into delicious, easy dishes.

"In Latin America, the table is where you laugh and share stories. Kids are encouraged to be a part of everything."

How are parties different in Latin America?

It's funny: When I was younger, I was always surprised by how stoic dinner tables could be in the U.S. In Latin America, the table is where you laugh and share stories. Kids are encouraged to be a part of everything. My earliest memory is of sitting at a table and tuning into that raucousness.

Any party-throwing secrets?

I always make sure I have some shortcuts. Tomorrow I have 21 people coming for dinner, but I already have my salad stuff prepped. And since I already have my sofrito, I just add chopped chorizo and add rice, and in 20 minutes I have a dish my company will freak over.

What's your favorite kitchen gadget?

My tongs are an extension of my

hand. They're good for grilling, cooking, everything. And I also like a good, thick, quilted heat-proof oven mitt. I like the ones that extend down your forearm. They're like evening mitts!

Do you have any culinary heroes?

Aside from my mom and my grandmother, I love Jacques Pepin. I marvel at watching things come apart in his hands. And Anthony Bourdain — I worship at his altar. He's like a rock star. Even through his irreverence, Bourdain has such a respect for the art of cooking.

JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

Recipe File



AVOCADO STUFFED WITH CRAB-MANGO SALAD

Ingredients

- 1 lime
- 2 TBSP olive oil
- 2 TBSP chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/2 mango, peeled and diced into 1/4-inch pieces (about 1 cup)
- 1/3 CUP diced (1/4-inch) red bell pepper
- 1/3 CUP diced (1/4-inch) red onion
- 1/2 jalapeño, diced into small pieces (about 2 tbsp)
- 1 LB. jumbo lump crab meat, picked over for shells and cartilage
- 3 Hass avocados
- Kosher or fine sea salt and freshly ground pepper

Serves Six

Finely grate the zest of the lime; set aside. Halve the lime and squeeze the juice from one half into a bowl. Add the olive oil, cilantro and lime zest and whisk well. Add the mango, bell pepper, onion and jalapeño, and toss to coat. Stir in the crab meat gently, to keep it from breaking up. Set aside.

Cut the avocados in half and remove the pits. Peel the avocado halves if you like. Squeeze the juice of the remaining lime half over the avocado flesh, using the lime half to paint it evenly over the avocados, to keep them from turning black.

Toss the crab salad, and season with salt and pepper to taste. Mound the crab salad in the avocado halves, dividing it evenly. (Use an ice cream scoop for neat, even rounds, if that's your thing.) Serve right away.

FROM "DAISY: MORNING, NOON AND NIGHT" (\$30, ATRIA BOOKS)

Poll Center

Today's Question

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WOULD HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON MAKE A GOOD SUPREME COURT JUSTICE?



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COMMENTER SIMPLE PIG FARMER

“No. While her experience as first lady and a senator helped to qualify her for secretary of state, she does not have the right background to be a justice. Besides, she is doing a great job in her current position, so why take her away from that?”

COMMENTER UNCLE D

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“Interestingly enough, there’s no mention of any problems with the nearly identical Toyota 4Runner. Is it possible that all of the luxury goodies you’ll find aboard the Lexus add enough pounds to overwhelm the vehicle’s stability control?”

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“First it was Zac Efron, then director Kenny Ortega, and now Chace Crawford has dropped out the remake of ‘Footloose.’ ... The idea of remaking this ’80s classic seems disastrous, considering it has a pretty dated story and no star willing to commit.”

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll find yourself cleaning up more than your own mistakes. Your willingness to help others make amends comes in handy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may be looking for something others have not been able to find. You may be nearer than most.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be prepared to follow some new rules — and in the days to come. It's important for you to lead the way for others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) There's no point in delaying the inevitable through guesswork. Go to the source, and get the information you need before this day is out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may have to do a little more than others to see that things go according to plan when that plan is put into motion — soon.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Rumor and innuendo may have others acting in ways that seem to make no sense to you. Now is the time to make clear the facts of the case.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Remain calm, even while others are getting themselves worked up over certain developments that are not what they seem to be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

One particular event is likely to be a polarizing influence, and you'll want to be sure you wind up on the right side.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You'll be able to follow the signs, but you may not believe where they are taking you — until you see the evidence for yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A difference of opinion may result in a conflict that is difficult to resolve — unless you make the first conciliatory gesture.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may find that you've been misleading yourself lately with regard to certain disputed facts. The truth may be revealed.

Scrabble Grams

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RACK 4

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Yesterday's Solution

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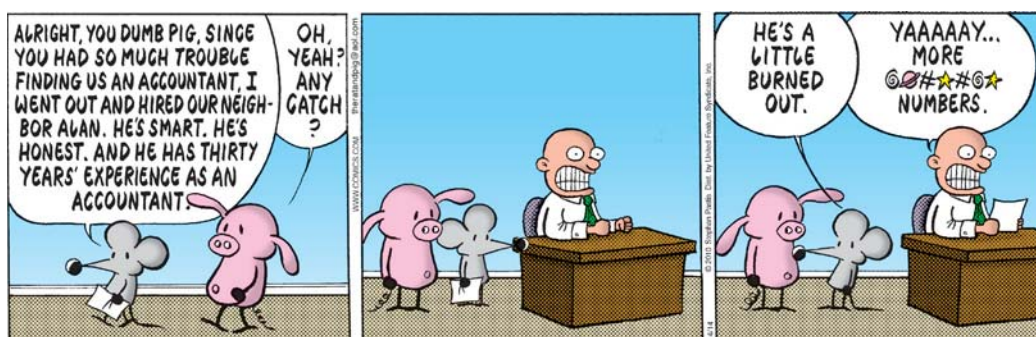
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Heidi Montag's latest ambition is to write a script for a "Bourne-meets-Barbie" action flick starring herself, she told Usmagazine.com on Sunday. "I've trained in knife fighting and guns for over two years with one of the founding members of 'Saw,' [who] was [in] the original Delta Force," she said. "So, I'm very excited to have action roles." (EXPRESS)



USELESS ORGANS

Appendix Rejects Bret Michaels

Bret Michaels is recovering from an emergency appendectomy at a Texas hospital. The Poison frontman's Web site says he was urged to go to the hospital as he was preparing to take the stage in San Antonio on Sunday night. He had been having severe stomach pains all day "and what was assumed to be a severe case of the flu." He is "doing well and beginning the recovery process," a rep said. (AP)

ANSWERS

Question No. 1: Why Did You Star in 'Showgirls'?

Elizabeth Berkley is writing "Ask Elizabeth," a "self-esteem handbook for teen girls" based on questions she has been asked over the years. G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers says it expects to release the book next spring. Berkley, 37, is best known for her role in the sitcom "Saved by the Bell" and for playing an exotic dancer in the movie "Showgirls." She also appeared in the films "The First Wives Club" and "Any Given Sunday." (AP)



No one in such a vaguely ethnic-looking shawl could commit such acts!

LAWMEN

Say It Ain't So, Steve

Steven Seagal is being accused of sexual harassment and sex trafficking in a lawsuit brought by a former employee, according to Radaronline.com. Kayden Nguyen, 23, says she was treated "as his sex toy" and that Seagal kept "two young female Russian 'attendants' on staff who were available for his sexual needs 24 hours a day, seven days a week." Seagal's lawyer released a statement calling the lawsuit "a ridiculous and absurd claim by a disgruntled ex-employee who was fired" and a "complete fabrication." (EXPRESS)

Dirtbag Digest



'I'm Poor; Let Me Exploit My Kids'

Jon and Kate Gosselin are due in court in Pennsylvania May 25 for a hearing on his motion for full custody of their eight children. Jon Gosselin's new lawyer also says his client does not earn enough to warrant the current \$21,700 monthly child support award. Kate Gosselin's lawyer says Jon Gosselin's request is riddled with errors and should be dismissed. (AP)

"Can't a girl have a night out in Las Vegas with her sister without fake stories being posted?"



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